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SUBJ: NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT GENEVA CONFERENCE OF
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SUMMARY: SWEDEN DELEGATION HEAD BLIX INFORMS US THAT
SWEDEN IS AGAINST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS FULL VOTING
PARTICIPANTS AT CONFERENCE BUT BELIEVES THEY SHOULD
PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATIONS IN SOME CAPACITY. HE
HOPES FOR COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE PER REFTEL TO SWEDISH DELEGATION
HEAD (MFA LEGAL ADVISOR) DR. HANS BLIX. BLIX
REPLIED THAT GOS WILL NOT SUPPORT MOVEMENT TO INCLUDE
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS FULL VOTING PARTICIPANTS IN
GENEVA CONFERENCE. THIS MEANS, HE ELABORATED, THAT
SWEDEN BELIEVES MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE AT CONFERENCE, UNDER
THEIR OWN NAMES AND NOT AS PART OF REGIONAL ORGS LIKE OAU.
THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN DELIBERATIONS OF
CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEES ONLY ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO
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MOVEMENTS' PARTICULAR SPHERE OF ACTIVITY. THEY SHOULD

HAVE NO VOTE IN CONFERENCE OR COMMITTEE. ON QUESTION WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE OR ONLY AT INVITATION OF VOTING MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE OR COMMITTEES, BLIX SAID HE HAS NO DOCTRINAIRE APPROACH BUT IS WILLING TO WORK FOR SOME KIND OF COMPLICATED COMPROMISE ON PROCEDURE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS, BUT SINCE THEY HAVE SO MANY "FRIENDS" THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.

2. ON PRG BLIX SEES SPECIAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT HAS CIRCULATED INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS, ALTHOUGH WITH STRONG RESERVATIONS, AND FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZE PRG ITS ACCESSION MEANS THAT THOSE STATES, WHEN PRG ACCESSION BECOMES FINAL, ENTER INTO A TREATY ARRANGEMENT WITH PRG UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. AS FOR SWEDEN, WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PRG, THERE CAN BE NO TREATY ARRANGEMENT WITH PRG. THUS, LEGALLY SWEDEN MUST TAKE POSITION THAT PRG SHOULD BE IN SAME STATUS AS OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING A CERTAIN VALIDITY IF A MAJORITY CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE PRG VOTE TO SEAT PRG AS FULL PARTICIPANT BECAUSE OF ITS PUTATIVE ACCESSION TO CONVENTIONS. EMBOFF SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF THIS ABSTRUSE POINT BUT BLIX MERELY SAID HE WOULD WORK FOR SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE. MAIN THING, HE SAID, WAS TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD SATISFY THE "GREAT WEAPON POWERS" AND WHICH WOULD BE MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE TO LDC BLOC. IN THIS REGARD HE BELIEVES RECENT TANZANIA SYMPOSIUM INDICATES AFRICANS, AT LEAST, WERE PREPARED TO BE MORE REASONABLE THAN WE EXPECT. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT SEE MUCH CHANCE OF AFRICANS ACCEPTING EITHER RULE 59 OR 60. A COMPROMISE WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT AROUND A NEW RULE OF PROCEDURE. LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD HAVE A ROLE AT CONFERENCE, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPERTIZE ON GUERRILLA WARFARE WHICH IS ONE OF MAJOR SUBJECTS OF CONFERENCE.

3. BLIX ASKED IF WE CONSIDER PLO TO BE IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY THAN OTHR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND WHAT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR POSITION ON HOW A LIST OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO BE AT CONFERENCE IN WHATEVER CAPACITY SHOULD BE MADE. EMBOFF REPLIED HE HAD NO INFO ON EITHER SUBJECT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CLARIFY.

4. SINCE BLIX HAS ALREADY RECEIVED CABINET APPROVAL OF SWEDISH POSITION AND, IN FACT, IS SWEDEN'S PRINCIPAL POLICY-MAKER IN THIS ISSUE, EMBASSY SEES NO USEFUL

PURPOSE TO BE SERVED IN MAKING DEMARCHE AT A NOMINALLY
HIGHER LEVEL. BLIX NOW FULLY UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITON
AND IS, I BELIEVE, PREPARED TO GO A LONG WAY TO SATISFY
US. HE IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MAKING CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.
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